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Editorial:

Many apologies are due for the reduction in size of this issue and lack of several regular features. The reasons are purely concerned with the domestic arrangements of your editor. As pointed out previously we moved home from Irlam in January and were hoping to move to the new address (see cover) immediately. Unfortunately building delays have put this back to March, and I am temporarily staying with my fiancée with all my things (or most of them) in store - including the trusty NUFON duplicator! Rather than be out of touch it was decided to photocopy an emergency issue - so here it is! We will be back to normal with the March issue; but if there is some delay in its arrival or replies to your letters (which are being ferried across the Mersey from Irlam to Wallasey) please understand!

NEWS ROUND-UP

:: Details of a new group associated with NUFON to add to the DATA SHEETS: SKYSCOPE (the Wyre Forest Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation) c/o 8 Ely Close; Habberley Estate; Kidderminster, Worcs DY11 6EJ Tel: Kidd 69466

The organiser is UFOIN member Peter Hogben (also associated with UFOSIS in the West Midlands) His wife Crystal edits the excellent childrens magazine MAGIC SAUCER Area covered: Hereford & Worcester plus Gloucester, Mid Wales & Shropshire (possible)

:: The NUFON HQ lacks a photocopier - as you all know. There is now the possibility that NUFOIS could obtain one for £550. This would provide the cheapest possible photocopy rates. At present, for example, the 119 page Llanerchymedd CE3 report could be copied for you for about £6.00 with the new copier this could be brought down to less than half, with similar savings on smaller reports. We would split the cost of the machine between NUFON groups, UFOIN members and FSR and you would all benefit from the reports being widely, speedily and cheaply available. Please discuss with your members because to go ahead we would need each group to donate at least £10. No doubt there are many ways your group could raise the cash and have fun (I expect someone might perfect the sponsored skywatch!!) Let us know your opinion urgently.

:: Thought you might be interested in details of a new book by myself to be published this autumn by Robert Hale. Entitled "UFO STUDY: - A Handbook for enthusiasts" it is just that - a how-to-do-it (and how-not-to-do-it!) approach to all aspects of Ufology. Cover price should be about £5.

:: Finally do not forget the theme for the APRIL Northern Ufology - "UFOs and psychic phenomena - is there a link?" Send in your articles please.

I N V E S T I G A T I O N SLOW DEFINITION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Investigated</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
78-256 Jun	20.00	Morecambe, Lancs	NLUFOIG	B	Insuff data (Middle aged waterboard official, wife & daughter saw stationary yellow-white LITS over bay. Went out after 3 mins. Clear sky. Magnitude - 12 (v. bright) RAF experience)
79-105 Jan 10	22.30	Waterfoot, Lancs	n/a	E	Insuff data (Two teenage boys in car observed large W LITS hovering over road. Shot away into mist when car headlights shone towards it. In view just few seconds)
79-107 Sept	20.15	Huyton, Msyside	MIGAP	C	Insuff data (Man and mother in car observed 3 W LITS in line. Hovered then moved towards them with one light brightening appreciably. Drove on past object. Duration 4 mins)

STATISTICS IN THIS ISSUE: CASES 12    Insuff data 6; Aircraft 2; Ball lightning 1  
UNKNOWN 3    (25%)



## MEDIUM DEFINITION

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Investigated</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
7473	Aug	16.00	Thurlstone Mr, S.Yks	HAPI (G Hall)	C	Insuff data (Man, wife & teenage son observed a silver sphere with no protrusions flying at a/c like speed in straight line N-S. In view 1 min on clear day. No noise. Over moors on refreshment stop en route Blackpool to home in Daventry.)
78-257	Sep 19	06.35	Sinton, Worcs	UFOSIS (M Pritchard)	B	Insuff data (Local authority employee observed silv/grey cone followed by trail moving N-S for 6-7 mins. Changed course to SE. No sound. Positive not aircraft)
78-258	Sep 19	21.30	Kidderminster, Worcs	UFOSIS (M Pritchard)	B	Ball lightning (Three men looked out of window at clear sky when heard noise like Catherine wheel. Saw W ball in distant moving away V. Fast.)
78-259	Sep 21	05.30	Kidderminster, Worcs	UFOSIS (M Pritchard)	B	Insuff data (Man setting off for work observed W LITS in S. Moved very fast towards him and stopped instantly, resolving as disc. Then shot off E. In view 10 secs only)
79-106	Aug	21.30	Liverpool, Msy side	MIGAP (W Alcock)	C	Aircraft? (Man and neighbours saw silver cone through telescope over Mersey estuary moving SE like aircraft. Redoubled its path. In view 2 hours before speeding off)
79-109	Dec 10	15.30	Macclesfield, Cheshire	MUFORA (J Randles)	B	Aircraft (Man, who refused to give address, saw silver cigar reflecting sun move at a/c speed on W-E course. No sound. Lost in clouds. Probably a/c on overfly route)

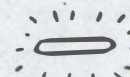
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## ANOTHER AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTER

Investigated by Ron Sargeant of MUFORA

December 11 1979 11.45 Bolton, Gt M/Cr Case 79-110 Level B MED

The Surrey group SIGAP investigated an interesting report last Autumn which will shortly appear in FSR. Here a light aircraft pilot was paced by a tiny UFO. This received national publicity. The following - very similar - case received no publicity and only came to light thanks to the investigators past association with the airport involved, BARTON, at Eccles, Greater Manchester.

Leslie Groves, age 21, was the pilot teaching a pupil in a Cessna F 150 marked G-AXWE. He had left Barton and after a few manoeuvres was just SW of Bolton at 4500 feet heading 330 degrees. Clouds were well developed cumulus at 1500 to 2000 feet, wind speed 20 Knots from 320 degrees. Terrain height below was 200-400 feet and air temperature was 10 degrees C. He spotted the UFO heading NW to SE directly below and to the right. It was seen first in a gap in the clouds, and then to pass below or through the cloud to reappear in another gap. Duration 6 seconds plus.

The object was very sharp in outline and looked like a ping pong ball, reflecting light and white in colour. On a brightness scale of 1 to 10 it would register 6. Size was midway between a pea and at half pence at arms length. Sunlight was not exceptionally bright at the time and the witness does not feel that the level of brightness was due to reflection from an object such as a seagull. He banked the aircraft at this point, telling his pupil he had control, but the pupil was only able to see the final second of the sighting as the object disappeared. However, a few minutes later with the pupil back in control Les spotted two very similar objects over to the west (nearer to Wigan) moving on opposite course SE to NW. These were seen for 10 seconds but he could not disturb the pupil at the time to point them out. If the height was 1500 feet Les estimates the object size as about 35 feet and speed as 250 MPH or so. After the second sighting the weather rapidly deteriorated and they had to return to BARTON.



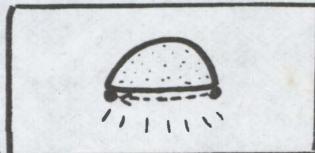
After careful questioning Ron, who himself is an experienced aircraft engineer and has flown many times in light aircraft (also ex RAF) was convinced that the witness had not been fooled by ordinary reflections, eg from birds.



October 22 1979 22.21 Kirkby, Merseyside Case 79-108 Level A CE 1 An

Mr W Richards, his wife and teenage daughter were watching TV when their dog began to bark suddenly. Thinking someone was in the garden Mr Richards asked his daughter to look through the window. She spotted a strange object immediately and the family rushed out into the garden for a better view.

It was seen in the E, elevation 70 degrees, at an estimated height of 400 feet. It was a blue dome with a white light coming out of the lower surface and pouring out light, rotating clockwise. There was no sound. It then started to move off, but stopped and a second similar object came down from a higher position and to the N, joining the first. They then both started moving away to the S. Rushing indoors he brought out his loaded Kodak EK 100 instant development camera. Through a gap in the hedge, also covered by boarding, he took one picture as the two objects accelerated away, the former going S still but the latter one climbing away W. The picture printed itself and one object was in clear view (the other was badly obscured by boarding). However, within an hour or so (after all the family had seen it) the image of the clear object somehow totally erased itself! Liverpool airport confirmed that there was no air traffic in the area at the time.



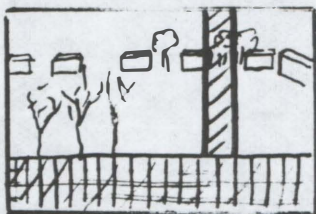
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ANOTHER CASE OF PSYCHIC OVERLAP Investigated by Stephen Banks of Parasearch

The principal witness to these events is 19 year old Jane Booth, daughter of the Reverend PE Booth. She is an art student and lives in Silverdale, a district of Newcastle, Staffs. Most of the background events occurred between ages 12 and 16 (as is very common), and the UFO incidents all took place in Autumn 1976.

Jane has had many psychic experiences; seeing an apparition on the stairs once in Oswestry, Shropshire; seeing a mysterious ball of light often on her bedroom wall and suffering many poltergeist phenomena (eg doors opening, lights swinging about etc - with no known cause) She also claims a telepathic rapport with her father and has performed automatic writing where she produces volumes of unknown arabic style writing. Despite her father's position she is an atheist.

Her initial UFO experience was of little consequence (a series of lights moving in formation low along the horizon), but this was followed a few weeks later by a more impressive one. She had retired to bed (it was 23.00) when suddenly a beam of light materialised before her eyes. It was yellowy/white and just a couple of feet across, but straight sided and filling the vertical field of view of her window. It was just yards away, seemingly immediately beyond the garden fence and in a field at the back. The beam was transparent as the trees behind it could still be seen. After 10 seconds it cut off suddenly, and Jane realised she had felt a peculiar attraction to it.



She looked up immediately and noticed a white disc of light, quite high, moving away from an overhead position towards the woods. This sighting was regarded in a personalised way, and has affected Jane's thinking on such affairs.

Her father had not believed her story, dismissing UFOs. However, just a few days later - at a similar time - he happened to be returning from Church when just a few hundred yards away he saw an identical, but blue, beam of light come from the sky and strike a nearby embankment. This lasted a few seconds as he drove towards it and then disappeared. He saw no object above it but was very puzzled indeed.

The connection between these sightings is, of course, rather intriguing and seems to argue against coincidence (especially as nobody else reported them at the time). Once more there seems to be evidence for the paranormal overlap - which surely cannot be without significance in this case.

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